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We are excited to announce that Benton County will be hosting a CERT program. This program is made possible with a Public Safety Grant From NIPSCO! What is CERT? Community Emergency Response Team is a program that teaches individuals how to better to prepare for any type of disasters that could impact their community. Course attendees will learn key items such as preparedness, disaster medical operations, light search and rescue, fire safety, and CERT team operations. Attendees will have the option of being a team member or completing the course for their own benefit.

The Benton County CERT course dates are: Friday November 6th 6-10 PM Saturday November 11th 8-4 PM Friday November 20th 6-10 PM Saturday November 21st 8-4 PM

Any interested individual can apply to attend the class, at no charge. Citizens that wish to become active CERT Team volunteers will be issued CERT equipment and assist with the future program. Those wishing to attend for just educational purposes can indicate this on the course application. Any questions or to request and application please email <u>bema@bentoncounty.in.gov</u>

To learn more about CERT please visit <u>https://www.ready.gov/cert</u>



